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SUBJECT: TRADE REGULATIONS ON TEXTILES AND APPAREL

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1. TUNISIA CONTROLS IMPORTS OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL THROUGH SYSTEM OF QUOTAS AND OTHER MEANS IN ORDER TO PROTECT DOMESTIC TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND CONSERVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE, ALL TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS SUBJECT TO QUOTAS. FOLLOWING PARAS CONTAIN SUGGESTED CHANGES TO REFAIR ATTACHMENT.

2. BANNED ITEMS - NO CHANGE.

3. GLOBAL QUOTAS: CATEGORIES: 1974 QUOTAS OF 3 MILLION DINARS OVERING QUALITY FABRICS, DRAPERIES, "VOILE", HOSIERY (WOMEN'S), READY MADE CLOTHING, UNDERWEAR AND OUTERWEAR: 9 MILLION DINARS COVERING TEXTILE RAW MATERIALS, INCLUDING YARNS OF COTTON WOOL, SYNTHETIC FIBERS; 4 MILLION DINARS COVERING FLUFF COTTO, SYNTHETIC FIBER WASTER AND RAW WOOL. REMARKS: CLOBAL QUOTAS DETERMINED ANNUALLY BY MINISTRY OF NATIONAL ECONOMY, BUT PROPOSED BY TEXTILE FEDERATION, TRADE ASSOCIATION OF TEXTILE IMPORTERS, MANUFACTURERS, WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS. IMPORTERS SELECT SUPPLIERS ACCORDING TO NORMAL MARKET FACTORS UNDER GLOBAL QUOTAS. NO DISCRIMINATORY REGULATIONS AGAINST U.S. TEXTILE PRODUCTS UNDER GLOBAL QUOTAS.

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4. ADD NEW CATEGORY- BILATERAL QUOTAS, COVERING THE SAME TYPE ITEMS AS UNDER 3. REMARKS: BILATERAL QUOTAS FOR TEXTILES ARE ASSIGNED UNDER BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS (PRIMARILY THOSE WITH EEC AND ARAB COUNTRIES). PROCUREMENTS UNDER BILATERAL QUOTAS NOT MANDATORY OR GIVEN PRIORITY UNLESS GLOBAL QUOTAS FULLY SUBSCRIBED. BILATERAL QUOTAS ARE ADDITIONAL TO GLOBAL QUOTAS.

5. ADD COMMENTS: CONCESSIONAL LINES-OF-CREDIT COVERING SPECIFIED COMMODITIES EXTENDED BY ANY SUPPLIER COUNTRY RESULTS IN ISSUANCE OF IMPORT LICENSES ONLY TO THAT SUPPLIER UNTIL CREDIT LINE SUBSCRIBED. THIS DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE CUTS ACROSS QUOTA LINES BUT DOES NOT ALLOW QUOTAS TO BE EXCEEDED. CERTAIN SPECIFIC TEXTILE AND APPAREL PRODUCTS AT PRESENT CAN ONLY BE IMPORTED FROM FRANCE BECAUSE OF THIS PROCEDURE.

6. REMAINDER OF TABLE: NO CHANGE.
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